

CHAPTER 308.

AN ACT to add three sections to Article XXIII, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance," to be designated as Sections 141 A, 141 B and 141 c, respectively.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That three additional sections be and they are hereby added to Article XXIII of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Corporations," sub-title "Insurance," to be designated as sections 141 A, 141 B and 141 c, respectively.

New section added.

141 A. Any insurance company organized and incorporated on the mutual plan under the laws of this State and other States for the purpose of insuring against loss or damage, resulting from burglary or robbery or attempt thereat, and securing against the loss of money as securities in course of transportation when shipped by registered mail, shall be authorized, admitted and licensed to do business in this State, as hereinafter provided.

Authorized to do business.

141 B. Before any such company shall be authorized to transact business in this State, it shall have in force one thousand or more policies, on which the premium shall have been paid in cash or shall have been evidenced by written contracts, on which not less than one-fifth of the amount shall have been paid in cash, and the cash contracts for premiums shall amount in the aggregate to the sum of not less than one hundred thousand dollars. The premium contract shall constitute a part of the assets of the company.

Certain provisions required.

141 c. Policy holders of any company organized and admitted to transact business in this State under this Act shall be held liable to pay the membership fee and premium on their insurance as paid or contracted to be paid at the time the policy is taken out, and shall not be held for any other or further assessments or claims on the part of the company or its policy holders. The membership fee and premium agreed upon may be collected in cash at the time the policy is issued, or be evidenced by a written obligation of the policy holder. Such payment or obligation shall be the limit of the liability of the policy holder to the company for premium on the insurance.

Policy holders held liable.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 9, 1898.